

## ABSTRACT

A running board assembly accommodates access to a motor vehicle. The  
5 running board assembly includes a plurality of mounting brackets fixedly secured to the  
motor vehicle and extending therebelow. The running board assembly also includes a  
step movably secured to the plurality of brackets. The step defines a stepping surface  
and a peripheral edge extending around a portion of the stepping surface. The step is  
movable between a deployed position providing access to the stepping surface and a  
10 stowed position wherein the peripheral edge abuts the motor vehicle to cover the  
stepping surface during non-use.